

SMALL BUSINESS REGULATORY REVIEW BOARD

Today, it is easier for Wisconsin small business owners to have their concerns voiced regarding rule-making and receiving regulatory assistance from state agencies. Wisconsin Act 145 established the Small Business Regulatory Review Board. The Board consists of six representatives of small business, eight state agency representatives and one representative from the State Senate and Assembly.

The Board has been given the statutory authority to see that rules that are being proposed by state agencies comply with the Regulatory Flexibility Act. Under the new law, state agencies are required to submit proposed rules to the board if the rule has a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small businesses. The Board may also review existing rules and can prepare a report to the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules if the rules are found to be unnecessarily burdensome to small business.

For purposes of the Act, a “small business” means a business entity, including its affiliates, which is independently owned and operated, and which employs 25 or fewer full-time employees or which has gross annual sales of less than \$5,000,000.

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